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*Amendment*  
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**Amendments To The Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 32:

FIG. 6 is a diagrammatic representation of a longitudinal cross section of the distal tip 10 shown as a partial view. In this embodiment, distal tip 10 has a proximal end 16 and a distal end 18 and is shown having both a curved outer profile 30 and in a longitudinal cross-sectional profile view of the distal tip, an inner surface 20 24 which curves toward the outer surface at the distal tip, reducing the sharpness of edge 22 shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 which may also reduce the likelihood of trauma to a patient's vessel, as well as reducing the likelihood of scraping of the guide wire surface. Furthermore, scraping, as discussed above, may have a negative impact on a lubricious coating such as on a guide wire, or on the catheter surface itself. As can be seen in FIG. 4, the circumference of the inner surface increases slightly from the proximal end 16 to the distal end 18 of the inner surface. The circumference of the outer surface may decrease slightly from the proximal end 16 to the distal end 18 of the distal tip, or the circumference of the outer surface may remain substantially unchanged as well.

Please amend the Abstract of the Invention on page 13 as follows:

**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A catheter ~~comprises~~ includes a catheter shaft having a distal tip, the distal tip having an inner surface and an outer surface, the inner surface having a rounded profile. The catheter may be made by rounding the inner surface of the distal tip.